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Title: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated with Plants**

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**Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the
Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated October 22, 2002, that resulted in Applicants having claims that have been twice or finally rejected.

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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO):

1. a Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
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Applicants request that the \$320.00 fee for filing a notice of appeal be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.001/15503B.

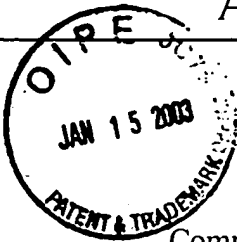
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